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SUBJECT: 1976 MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM

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1. FOR SAN JOSE: FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR MR. PAUL TAYLOR'S VISIT FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CONCERNING 1976 MEAT IMPORT RESTRAINT PROGRAM. ARRIVE SAN JOSE 6:15 P.M. AUGUST 31, CONSULTATIONS SEPTEMBER 1. PLEASE ADVISE IF PROPOSED DATE IS ACCEPTABLE.

2. FOR MANAGUA: IF EMBASSY STILL BELIEVES CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE USEFUL, MR. TAYLOR WOULD ARRIVE MANAGUA 8:00 AM SEPTEMBER 2 FOR CONSULTATION ON SEPTEMBER 2. PLEASE ADVISE IF PROPOSED DATE IS ACCEPTABLE.

3. FOR TEGUCIGALPA: DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY MARIO RIETTE, THE ALTERNATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, AND FINANCIAL ATTACHE OF THE HONDURAN EMBASSY, THAT HONDURAS EXPECTS TO HAVE AS MUCH AS UNCLASSIFIED

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EIGHT MILLION POUNDS OF MEAT AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT ABOVE

THEIR CURRENT RESTRAINT LEVEL. RIETTE BELIEVES THAT THE GOH
WILL APPROACH THE EMBASSY WITH A REQUEST FOR AN INCREMENT IN

THE HONDURAN RESTRAINT LEVEL. DEPARTMENT CAN SEE NO WAY
IN WHICH SUCH AN INCREMENT COULD BE AUTHORIZED. IN THE
LIGHT OF THIS POSSIBLE APPROACH DOES THE EMBASSY BELIEVE
IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR MR. TAYLOR TO VISIT TEGUCIGALPA
AS WELL TO EXPLAIN THE CURRENT RESTRAINTS ON THE PROGRAM?
MR. TAYLOR COULD ARRIVE TEGUCIGALPA 7:30 A.M. SEPTEMBER 3
FOR CONSULTATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 3. PLEASE ADVISE IF VISIT
BELIEVED TO BE USEFUL AND/OR IF PROPOSED DATE IS ACCEPT-
ABLE.

4. FOR MANAGUA AND TEGUCIGALPA: BECAUSE PRIME MISSION

OF VISIT IS CONSULTATIONS WITH COSTA RICA AND IMPORTANCE
OF COMPLETING THESE CONSULTATIONS SOONEST, NO DATES
OTHER THAN THESE PROPOSED CAN BE CONSIDERED. KISSINGER

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